

IS THE POPE REALLY THE “VICAR OF CHRIST?”

The Drudge Report says the Pope proclaims there is no hell. Yet Jesus says there is. The lake of fire is the final destination for all LIARS. Who insists on following the Pope (the false prophet) who lies? "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all LIARS shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Revelation 21:8

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In Revelation 13:4–8, we are told it is Satan, the accuser of the brethren, who is also called the Devil, who is the one that will empower the “beast” to do great signs, wonders, and miracles to even deceive the elect, if that is possible if they do not know what God’s Word actually says. In this passage of Scripture, the word “worship” is referred to three times, and we are specifically told Satan will “deceive” the whole world with the exception of those who names were written in the Book of Life of the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:4–8, says the following:

*“So they **WORSHIPED** ⁽¹⁾ [G4352: *proskuneō*: to kiss, like a dog *licking* his master’s hand; to *fawn* or *crouch to*, that is, (literally or figuratively) *prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore)*] the DRAGON who gave AUTHORITY to THE BEAST; and they **WORSHIPED** ⁽¹⁾ the BEAST, saying, ‘Who is like the BEAST? Who is able to make war with him?’ And he was given a MOUTH SPEAKING GREAT THINGS and BLASPHEMIES, and HE WAS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE FOR FORTYTWO MONTHS [3½ years]. Then he opened his mouth in BLASPHEMY AGAINST GOD, to BLASPHEME His NAME, His TABERNACLE, and those who DWELL in HEAVEN. It was GRANTED TO HIM TO MAKE WAR WITH THE **SAINTS** ⁽²⁾ [G40: *hagios*: *sacred (physically pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially consecrated)*: (most) holy (one, thing), saint] and to OVERCOME them. And AUTHORITY WAS GIVEN HIM over every TRIBE, TONGUE, and NATION. All who DWELL ON THE EARTH will **WORSHIP** ⁽¹⁾ him [the beast which is empowered by Satan], whose names HAVE NOT BEEN WRITTEN in the BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB slain from the foundation of the world.” (Rev. 13:4–8, NKJV) (emphasis added).*

The word “saints” as used in Revelation 13:4–8, is referring to God’s “faithful” remnant who are physically pure and morally blameless (without spot or blemish). They are “set

apart” (consecrated) to God and to the Lamb because they keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

This is based on the following Scriptures:

“And the DRAGON [Satan] was ENRAGED with the WOMAN [Israel], and he [Satan] went to make WAR with the REST of her OFFSPRING [the bride of Christ who is God’s “faithful” remnant—they are His saints], who KEEP the COMMANDMENTS of GOD and have the TESTIMONY of JESUS CHRIST.” (Rev. 12:17, NKJV) (emphasis added).

*“Here is the PATIENCE of the SAINTS ⁽²⁾ [G40: *hagios*: sacred (physically pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially consecrated): (most) holy (one, thing), saint]; here are those who KEEP the COMMANDMENTS of GOD and the FAITH of JESUS.” (Rev. 14:12, NKJV) (emphasis added).*

Thus, the “saints” is referring to the bride of Christ. It is not referring to the Orthodox Jews for this reason: The Orthodox Jews do keep the commandments of God, but they do not have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Only the bride of Christ keeps God’s commandments, and they have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Both are required in order to be the bride of Christ.

Furthermore, based on Revelation 13:4–8, God wants us to know ahead of time this truth: Satan will deceive the majority of the people in the world into “worshipping” the beast, his image, and receiving his mark on their forehead or on their hand. And, for those that do, God’s Word tells us in Revelation 14:11 the smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever, and they will have no rest day or night for they will perish in hell.

Now let’s take a few minutes to reflect fully on the Greek meaning of the word “worship” as used in Revelation 13:4–8, because this subject is extremely critical for God’s people to know how this is related to “worshipping” the beast, his image, and receiving his mark on their forehead or on their hand rather than “worshipping” the one true God which will result in multitudes perishing in hell.

According to Strong’s Greek Lexicon [#G4352](#), the word “worshipped” or “worship” is the Greek word “proskuneo” (pronounced “pros-koo-neh’-o”), and it means the following: To kiss, like a dog licking his master’s hand; to fawn or crouch to, (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore) one in worship. Yet it can also mean the following:

1. To kiss the hand of one, or towards one, as a token to show reverence. This is a common practice of Muslims ⁽³⁾ and in the Roman Catholic Church, a Catholic meeting of the Pope or a Cardinal, or even a lower-ranking prelate, will kiss the ring on his hand. ⁽⁴⁾
2. Among the Orientals, especially the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence (i.e., Muslims pray to Allah in this fashion).
3. In the New Testament by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make “obeisance,” whether in order to express respect or to make supplication.

The word “obeisance” means the following: 1) A movement of the body expressing deep respect or deferential courtesy, as before a superior; a bow, curtsy, or other similar gesture. 2) Deference or homage: The nobles gave “obeisance” to the new king. 4. Used of homage shown to men and beings of superior rank as follows:

1. to the Jewish high priests
2. to God
3. to Christ
4. to heavenly beings
5. to demons

Next, let’s substantiate the “spiritual” Mark of the Beast has everything to do with “worshiping” the dragon who is Satan. This is based on Revelation 12:9, which says the following:

“So the great DRAGON was cast out, that SERPENT OF OLD, called the DEVIL and SATAN, who DECEIVES THE WHOLE WORLD; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Rev. 12:9, NKJV)
(emphasis added).

However, long before the majority of the people in the world will be deceived into literally taking the “physical” Mark of the Beast, many will inadvertently worship the beast through mass “deception.” And, unfortunately, this includes many of God’s people who do not know the whole counsel of His Word.

I will cover the rest of the story in Chapter 66 of Book 3 Volume III of *Who is Israel?*

Discovering Our True Identity in Jesus Christ and Why it Matters! The Branches and the Fruit.

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